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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION THAT BOEING POSTPONE ATC CONTRACT WORK

PRETORIA FOR RSO

1. BOEING AEROSYSTEMS HAS A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT TO INSTALL A MODERN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM AT TEN AIRPORTS IN ANGOLA. BOEING NOW ONLY HAS ONE REPRESENTATIVE HERE BUT WILL HAVE THIRTY AMCIT EMPLOYEES, ALL SINGLE, IN ANGOLA BY SEPTEMBER WITH THE VANGUARD ARRIVING IN JULY. THESE TECHNICANS, WORKING IN 5 OR 6 MAN GROUPS, WILL BE DISPATCHED TO THE VARIOUS AIRPORTS (CABINDA, CARMONA, MALANJE, LUANDA, LOBITO, NOVA LISBOA, LUSO, SA DA BANDEIRA, SILVA PORTO AND MOCEMEDES). INSTALLATION OF THE COMPLETE SYSTEM WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR.

2. BOEING'S CONTRACT CONTAINS A CLAUSE THAT PERMITS THE COMPANY TO POSTPONE OR RESCHEDULE ANY WORK IF, IN THEIR ESTIMATION, THE LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION DOES NOT PERMIT THEM TO DO THE WORK SAFELY. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE PRESENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS WITH THE BOEING REP AND TOLD HIM INFORMALLY THAT WE FELT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO SEND AMERICANS INTO THESE INTERIOR CITIES UNTIL EFFECTIVE SECURITY IS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED. IT IS A SAFE BET THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE CITIES IN QUESTION WILL BE SCENES OF HEAVY FIGHTING BEFORE ANGOLA SETTLES ITS PROBLEMS.

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3. THE REP SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH HIS HOME OFFICE BEFORE
DECIDING. WE EXPECT THAT BOEING WILL CONTACT AF/S FOR CONFIR-
MATION OF OUR PRESENT RECOMMENDATION.
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